

**NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2008
MINUTES**

Attendees: J. Lepis (NCC), D. Triggs (DEP), N. Dotti (NCC), M. Klewin (NCC), R. Hauser (NCC), A. Schmidt (NCC), J. Kapferer (NCC), I. Udasin (NCC), J. Surmay (NCC), J. Feder (NCC), J. Townsend (DEP), J. Soporowski (NCC),

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting were approved.

Administrative

- 1) The ORV stakeholders meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:00 AM. The letter announcing this to stakeholders was mailed during the week of May 5, with a copy of the draft Model Ordinance. Most NCC members had not yet received copies. Chairman Lepis read the letter to the group. It was suggested that it would be nice to hire someone transcribe the stakeholder comments. However, this is expensive and funds are short. As an alternate, Joe will contact Eric Zwerling to see whether transcription or recording of the meeting could be accomplished via a Rutgers Department of Environmental Science Special Project for some of the students.
- 2) The NCC decided that, despite the June 3 ORV meeting a week earlier, it was important to go forward with the regular June 10 NCC meeting to assure adequate progress on the Model Code,
- 3) The establishment of a non-voting emeritus position was further discussed. The individual involved and the members of the Noise Control Council were supportive. Chairman Lepis will draft a resolution for consideration at the June 10 meeting.
- 4) Several members stated that they had difficulty identifying and separating the various drafts of documents being worked on by the NCC. To remedy this, the suggestion was made that drafts be further identified by dates and initials or names of people who last made changes.

Refinement of the Draft ORV Ordinance

Chairman Lepis pointed out that Section V of the Draft ORV ordinance did not accurately reflect earlier discussion by the group, and that some changes had not been incorporated into the mailed version. The group discussed possible fixes and the possible distribution of an updated version of Section V on June 3. While there was general agreement need for, and direction of, changes, there was also strong sentiment that the already mailed version be held as a baseline and that changes be made only following the gathering of Stakeholder comments.

Model Code Amendments

The NCC continued going through and considering amendments to the Model Code to bring it up to date, working with a draft that had been edited by Debbie Pinto and Eric Zwerling. Eric had made extensive written comments on the draft, but could not attend the meeting to help explain and refine his changes. An added section on “Amplified Sound Reproduction Devices,” in particular, drew a great deal of discussion and it was decided to await Eric’s presence to complete it. By prior arrangement, the discussion was continued into the afternoon, for members who could be available. Lepis, Hauser, Schmidt, Feder, Triggs and Townsend stayed to discuss. Table II and Section VI. on “Restricted Uses and Activities” was heavily discussed and modified. In this and some other cases, the changes were sufficiently numerous that it was hard to keep track of them. Arnold Schmidt agreed to prepare an updated draft of some of the heavily changed sections to facilitate further discussion. J. Feder, who was taking minutes, had to leave at 1:30PM, so these minutes do not record how far into the Model Code the discussion was able to progress.

NEXT MEETINGS

The ORV Stakeholders Meeting will take place on June 3 and the next regular NCC meeting will take place on June 10.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jerome Feder